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Desorption Measurements

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply and a Second Declaration of Robert S. Brown Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 ("the Second Declaration") are being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") on September 8, 2003, ("the Office Action") for the above-identified application. Consideration of the Second Declaration, and reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

An extension to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Reply. If any additional fees are due for this submission, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.